

I'm a resident of Maine, and the distribution of CBS programming here is WGME of Portland. I am very upset with the bias shown on this channel, not only with their decision to air what appears to be an illegal anti-Kerry propaganda film, but with their nightly diatribes from Mark Hyman. It is harmful to the political process to have the consolidated media making our political choices for us.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.